



Chapter 8 **Job Centers**

Cluster 9 Asset Profile

Primary Employment / Job Center Issues

The primary issue identified by Cluster 9 related to job centers is job training and education, supported by convenient and inexpensive transportation and child care. The community believes that a holistic approach including family centered life training is essential. Also important is that job training include technical and vocational education and two-year degree programs. Job readiness is also a problem, therefore, on-the-job training and internships need to be emphasized. Additionally, quality infrastructure is important to the conducting of commerce, as is the support of retail by the community.

Potential Changes

The community believes that franchise fast food and other chains will continue to increase on major thoroughfares like Grand River. There is also a potential that the major area hospitals will continue to consolidate and reduce employment opportunities. Also on the decline are the small businesses that service community.

Labor Force

The labor force of the Cluster is profiled as follows:

	Cluster 9 Number	Cluster 9 Percent	Detroit Total Number	Detroit Total Percent
Agriculture	18	-	307	-
Manufacturing	854	7	57200	18
Trans./Comm./Utilities	645	4	24571	8
Wholesale Trade	661	4	14032	4
Retail Trade	2196	13	29750	10
Fin./Ins./Real Estate	387	2	19319	6
Services	11298	68	136922	44
Public Administration	476	3	30981	10

Existing Job Center

Commercial job centers are predominately located on major streets like Grand River, Six Mile, Wyoming, Lyndon, and Livernois. Industrial jobs are primarily on the Cluster's border at Lyndon and I-96. Both Grace and Sinai Hospitals represent the areas largest employers. Finally, job training facilities have a limited presence in the Cluster.

The following is a profile of establishments by industry:

	Cluster 9 Number	Cluster 9 Percent	Detroit Total Number	Detroit Total Percent
Agriculture	7	1%	78	1%
Manufacturing	47	6%	931	9%
Trans./Comm./Utilities	25	3%	378	4%
Wholesale Trade	76	10%	934	9%
Retail Trade	257	33%	2945	29%
Fin./Ins./Real Estate	30	4%	649	6%
Services	321	41%	3819	38%
Public Administration	18	2%	312	3%

Education and Training Programs

The Cluster includes primary educational facilities. It also includes Marygrove College and is bordered by the two University of Detroit Mercy campuses on Livernois and Southfield. It should be noted that of those persons trained by the City of Detroit programs and placed in the city in 1996-1997, only 10% were placed in Cluster 9. This is no doubt reflective of the limited amount of job opportunities.

New Job Centers

The Cluster 9 community sees little opportunity in creating new major job centers but believes that existing business should be supported and encouraged to expand in order to provide goods and services to the residents. It is also felt that there is an abundance of hair care, churches and phone stores that have a negative impact on commercial streets. The following Potential Job Center Reinvestment Map (A19) indicates the focus group recommendations.

Major Employment Facilities

Major employment facilities are limited in Cluster 9 and include Grace and Sinai Hospitals, Marygrove College, the Lyndon Avenue Industrial Park and Renaissance Zone

Substandard Buildings

Substandard buildings exist along some of the major streets.

Increased Training

The community believes that holistic training should be provided by unions. It also feels attitudes should be more positive about hands-on occupations, including developing training programs for jobs with viable growth opportunities, encouraging local employment for local people and developing a placement network.